THE MINSITER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) to (c) Indian Missions abroad are manned by officers/staff members of the Ministry of External Affairs who are posted there against regular posts. Posting of officers is done on administrative exigencies, taking into account a variety of factors including functional skills, language specialisation, seniority, profile of previous posting and other related factors. In some Indian Missions/Posts abroad, India-based officers and staff from Ministries/Departments other than Ministry of External Affairs like Defence, Commerce, Finance, Space, Science & Technology etc. are also sent on deputation. Their numbers vary fromtime to time depending upon the requirement. Deputationists from other Ministries are selected by the parent Ministry/ Department and approved by Department of Personnel and Training and the Ministry of External Affairs. A list of officers from other Ministries/Departments on deputation to various Indian Missions/ Posts abroad is being compiled and will be laid on the Table of the House. While the percentage prescribed for reservation in SC, ST and minority categories is strictly followed at the recruitment stage, there is no policy of reservation in postings in Mission/Posts abroad.

Security check in Moscow

473. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the External Affairs Minister had to pass through security checks at the ceremonial lounge recently in Moscow; and

(b) if so, whether Government have raised this issued with Government of Russia?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950

†474. SHRI SAMAN PATHAK: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to reconsider the Indo-Nepal Treaty of 1950;

(b) whether Government are also contemplating to modify the Teraty of 1950; and

(c) whether Government are proposing to make identity card compulsory on the Indo-Nepal border in near future?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Indo-Bangladesh joint survey

475.SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments of India and Bangladesh have agreed to carry out joint survey of international border to resolve the decades old problem of enclaves along the International borders;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.